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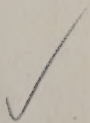
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HANNIBAL — A COMMUNITY OF VISION

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SOUTH SIDE OF THE VILLAGE SQUARE IN THE 1860's

Celebration held in conjunction with Firemen's Old Home Days, August 18-19-20, with special church services on Sunday, August 21.

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FOREWORD

In the spring of 1960 the Village Board with the Town and Village Historian felt that a fitting observance should be made to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the village of Hannibal.

It is also the centennial of the building of the present Community Church and the 50th anniversary of both the Firemen and the Eastern Star.

Several meetings were held with representatives present from local organizations, including the churches and the school. Interest ran high and an intensive drive was started immediately to launch a suitable program of celebration.

CENTENNIAL

Through the past our village grew
Until one hundred years have flown;
Though our people still are few,
We proudly claim it as our own.
If early settlers walked our streets again,
Many changes they would surely view,
That their untiring efforts were not in vain
Would be witnessed by those citizens true.
Brickyards and tanneries were landmarks grand,
But through the years they've faded from view,
And in their stead many houses stand,
For Hannibal into a residential place grew.
The churches then founded have grown through the years,
And our educational system, too,
With such a background we have no fears,
For future citizens will know what to do.
"A Community of Vision" as our slogan we took;
With pride in the past we face a new day,
With confidence in the future ahead we'll look
So that their dreams will not fade away.

—Mrs. Gertrude Cox Kellogg

TOWN AND VILLAGE HISTORY

Gordon W. Sturge

Hannibal was named after the great Carthaginian general of that name. Central New York's classic names were imposed upon many places on July 3, 1790 by Governor George Clinton who bestowed the names of Lysander, Cato, Brutus, Cicero, Pompey, Tully, Hannibal, Homer and many others on surrounding townships.

The village, located in the southwestern part of Oswego County, unlike some incorporated villages, will approach the century mark without any indebtedness according to Mayor Dann. It comprises an area of 732 acres and in 1860 boasted a population of 416. The first president was Robert M. Rogers.

The first building where the village square now stands was a log structure erected in 1808. It is believed to have stood close to the site of an old Indian camp and was occupied as a tavern by Henry Jennings.

Hannibal was within the area at one time of Montgomery, Herkimer and Onondaga counties. In 1816 when Oswego county was formed, the town of Hannibal and the north 33 lots of Lysander were taken from Onondaga county and made a part of Oswego county and the 33 lots were annexed to the town of Hannibal, which thereby included all of Oswego county lying west of the Oswego river.

On April 20, 1818, an act was passed erecting the two towns of Oswego and Granby which gave Hannibal the boundaries it has ever since retained.

The first settlement in the town was made in the southwestern part, called Carter District or No. 9, in 1802 by Thomas Sprague and family. He was a Revolutionary War veteran emigrating from Connecticut or Massachusetts and taking up 640 acres of land. At that time there was only one cabin between this vicinity and Oswego, a distance of 16 miles. In the same year his two sons, Thomas Sprague, Jr., and Jonathan Sprague, came with their families. The latter son and wife came from Saratoga County on horseback, she carrying a three months old baby.

Carr Sprague, son of Jonathan, was the first white child born in the town of Hannibal. Thomas Sprague, Sr., and his wife died on the same day and were buried in the same grave in the Bethel cemetery.

* Mrs. Laverne Woven of this village is a descendant of the Sprague family, being a great, great, great granddaughter of Thomas Sprague, Sr.

The first marriage in the town was that of Daniel Thomas and Prudence Sprague in 1803. The first town meeting was held in 1806. William Vaughn was elected Supervisor. In the same year the first grist mill was built at Hannibal Center by Watson Earl and Orren Cotton, a lineal descendant of Dr. John Cotton, the great Puritan preacher of Boston.

After starting with a few pupils in a one-room school in 1810 located at Hannibal Center with one teacher, the local Hannibal Central School has at present a pupil population of over 1,500 with a teaching personnel totaling 78 which includes the administrative staff.

The village was incorporated April 7, 1860. In 1876, it reincorporated under the laws of 1870.

Today it is a pleasant little community of about 610 friendly people according to the 1960 census. Fulton is 8 miles distant, Oswego 12 miles and Syracuse 30. Hannibal has the usual businesses typical of all villages.

An up to date Volunteer Firemen's Association serves the public under the leadership of Lloyd Tyler who has been Fire Chief for almost 30 years.

VILLAGE OFFICERS	1860	1960
Mayor	Robert M. Rogers	Theodore Dann
Trustees	Joel Z. Smith Geo. A. Anderson Nicholas B. Brower Martin Larzalere	Leonard Earle Edward Randall
Clerk	Alfred B. Worster	Mrs. Ray Perkins
Collector	Rufus S. Byington	
Treasurer	E. M. Rice	
Police Justice		Elwyn Gardner Donald Gleason (Act. Police Justice)
Assessors	C. C. Blackman William J. Acker John P. Storms	Leonard Earle Edward Randall
Health Officer		Dr. Angelo Arena
Registrar of Vital Statistics		Mrs. Laura Stevens
Historian (Village & Town)		Gordon W. Sturge
Poundmaster	Richard VanAuken	Lloyd VanDeusen

TOWN OFFICERS (1806) (1960)

Gordon W. Sturge

The first town meeting was held in 1806, while the first village meeting was in 1860, fifty-four years later.

TOWN OFFICERS	1806	1960
Supervisor	William Vaughn	George T. Chillson
Assessors (Today act as fence-viewers)	Asa Rice, Barnet Moody, Reuben Sprague	Albertus Fowler, 4 yrs. Chrm. of Assessors Charles Kranze, 2 yrs. Donald Tall, 2 yrs.
Town Clerk	Edward Connor	Mrs. Laura Stevens
Collector	Ezekiel Brown	Mrs. Verda Cole
Constable (Acts also as dog enumerator)	Ezekiel Brown, James Hugunin	Lloyd VanDeusen
Supt. of Highways or Commissioner of Highways	Peter D. Hugunin, Barnet Moody, Thomas Sprague, Jr.	Floyd Carter, Sr.
Town Board		Supervisor— George T. Chillson Justice— Clifford Mansfield Justice— Donald Gleason Councilman— Archie Gray Councilman— George McMillen Town Clerk— Mrs. Laura Stevens
Health Officer		Dr. Angelo Arena
Overseer of the Poor or Welfare Officer	Daniel Hugunin Peter Hugunin	John Clark
Fence Viewers	Daniel Hugunin, Peter Hugunin	
Pound-Master	William Eadus	
Commissioners of Gospel Lots	Joel Burt, Asa Rice	
Path-Masters	Dist. No. 1— John Masters Dist. No. 2— James Hugunin Dist. No. 3— Parmenus Sprague	



*HANNIBAL METHODIST CHURCH — MAIN PART
ERECTED 1864*

HANNIBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. Howard F. Kellogg — Mrs. Roger F. Kellogg

The history of the Hannibal Methodist Church dates back to the time when interest was aroused by circuit preachers. In 1838 Rev. John Whitcomb made Hannibal a regular preaching place.

David Peckham was among the earliest advocates of a Methodist Church. From the beginnings of a class organized for religious instruction evolved the Methodist Church which was incorporated March 13, 1839. The total number of members at time of incorporation was twenty-five.

In 1841 a church edifice on the present site was built at a cost of \$1150. In 1864 a new church was constructed at a cost of approximately \$8000. The new building was placed in front of the old structure which was then used for prayer and class meetings.

In the fall of 1948 work was started to provide an adequate basement to be used as kitchen, dining room, recreation room, church and Sunday School class room. Volunteer workers had the excavating nearly

completed when on the morning of Nov. 18, 1948 it was discovered that the heavy brick wall between the church proper and the old kitchen wing had collapsed. On December 15 a goal of \$7500 was set for rebuilding the wall and completing the new basement room. It was overpledged substantially. On October 3, 1954 a dedication service was held naming it "The Whitney Fellowship Room" in honor of the Rev. Leonard Whitney.

Recent developments in the church include the purchase of a new parsonage on Church Street in the fall of 1958 for \$10,000, now fully paid for by sale of the old parsonage and payment of new pledges covering the difference; establishment of "The Shaw Foundation: Student Loan and Scholarship Fund," named in honor of a former pastor, Rev. Dean Shaw, to help worthy young local church members secure college education; and adoption of the Methodist Stewardship program which has already given new vitality and strength to the church. The church has now attained a membership of 351. It offers a full program of Christian worship, Christian education and service through its many organized activities.

Gary Kellogg, Lay Leader — Mrs. Charles Kranze, Church School Superintendent — Kenneth L. Combs, Minister.

HANNIBAL CENTER METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. Levi W. Brackett

The gleaming white church, on a knoll overlooking the heart of Hannibal Center, is today, as it has been for nearly 100 years, one of this town's famous landmarks.

The first class was organized at Hannibal Center in 1830, with James A. Brackett as leader. Members were Sarah Brackett, Wight Church, M. A. Thompson, Jane Havens, William Brackett, John J. Scott and wife, Alva Worster, Samuel Frost, Truman Brackett and wife, John Hutchinson and Hannah Perkins.

For many years services were held in the old schoolhouse, the church edifice being erected around 1862, on land deeded to the Methodist Society by William Brackett.

Among the first preachers were: Benjamin Ryder, Samuel Bibbins, Mr. Seymour, W. F. Markham, W. F. Perington, G. H. VanVliet, Esquire Boyd, and H. C. Abbott.

In 1871 Hannibal Center and South Hannibal became united as one charge, South Hannibal from Granby and Hannibal Center from Hannibal Village. Around this same year a parsonage was built at Hannibal Center, back of the church, facing the road leading to South Hannibal. This is where Mrs. Cora Kyle now resides.

At one time camp meetings were held in the grove next to what is now the Hubert Rogers farm. These were well attended with people coming from many miles to take part in the services.

In 1891 Hannibal Center again became associated with Hannibal and held weekly services on Sunday afternoons with Rev. B. Day Brown as pastor. About this same time extensive repairs were made to the parsonage in the village and the parsonage at Hannibal Center was sold. From the proceeds all indebtedness was paid, leaving a balance in the hands of the trustees. The church at the Center has continued to be in the Hannibal charge with the same pastor serving both churches, except for a few brief periods, until the present time.

Two new stoves were presented to the church by Sunday School classes in 1917—one from the "Helpful" class of which Mary Ellen Stevens was president and Mabel Dotterer was secretary; the other from the "Welcome" class.

Through the efforts of the Ladies Aid Society, the church was wired for electricity in 1928.

The church sheds were torn down and removed in 1931.

A new kitchen was completed in 1937 during the time Rev. Paul Merritt was serving as Pastor.

Pastors who have served through the years are: Stallwood, Cheesman, Maunder, Hughes, Pratt, Dunning, Haven, Swales, Chaffee, Peck, Ullery, Henry, Merritt, Wood, Webster, Whitney, Barber, Holcombe, Barker and Shaw.

The present pastor is Rev. Kenneth Combs, who leads in a service of divine worship, every Sunday morning at nine o'clock. Sunday School follows at ten with Mrs. Luther Hannum as superintendent. Mrs. Robert Dennison is president of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Mr. Edwin Deming is lay leader.

Present trustees of the church are: Floyd Livingston, Nellie Williamson, Ella Lounsbury, Levi Brackett, Raymond Fowler and Edward Rawson.

So, through the interest and efforts of the many generations, the Hannibal Center Church continues to serve the people of the community.

METHODIST CHURCH PHILATHEA CLASS

Committee — Erma Kranze, Flora Durbin, Ethel Gault

The Philathea Class was organized January 31, 1917 at the home of Iva Wilson (Goodrich).

Eleven ladies were present, namely, Etta Westover, Ethel Phillips (Gault), Erma Kranze, Edna Kellogg, Myrtie Wells, Iva Wilson (Goodrich), Ida Hewitt, Nellie Miller, Flora Durbin, Agnes Althouse (Cole), secretary, Ada Engle (Wilcox), treasurer. Ethel Gault was elected president and acted until 1930.

The name Philathea was chosen signifying "Lovers of Truth." Mrs. Naracon was the teacher for a number of years and after her death Mrs. Stella Gardner acted as the teacher.

This class was needed for this age group of ladies, and much has been accomplished down through the years, such as hard wood floors, dishes, dining room tables and chairs, furniture for the parsonage, helping on the church budget, giving to the Methodist home for children, Sunday School supplies, parsonage building fund, and the drilled well, besides CARE packages.

Miss Fanny Rhoades gave the class her cottage at Demster, N. Y., which she had had since she was a girl and which is greatly appreciated and well taken care of.

The monthly meetings are held at the homes of the members and at these meetings a floral fund is taken to buy fruit and flowers for the sick members and to help those in need.

Our main sources of raising money are through publishing and selling cook books, experience socials, selling different useful articles such as dish cloths, choppers, clothes hangers, etc.

1960 Officers elected were:

President — 6 months, Carrie Beckwith; 6 months, Julia Hall

Vice President — Burnice Scott

Secretary — Esther Cummins

Treasurer — Etta Smith



*HANNIBAL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED 1825
BUILDING COMPLETED 1827
BUILDING IN USE TODAY AS CHURCH COMMUNITY HOUSE*

HANNIBAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

In the month of January or February 1817 the Baptist Church of Sterling was organized. Meetings were held in different dwellings. There was no resident pastor, but a missionary frequently preached. In 1825 what was known as the Sterling and Hannibal Baptist Church was organized, subsequently called Hannibal Baptist Church. The first church edifice was erected in 1827 at a cost of two thousand two hundred dollars. In 1865 repairs were made in the amount of about one thousand dollars. It is presently a member of the American Baptist Convention.

On December 4, 1816, a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Church in the town of Hannibal. In 1817 it affiliated with the Presbytery of Onondaga. On June 30, 1825 a society was formed and named "The Congregational Society of Hannibal" and incorporated. The first building stood on the site of the present Community Church Manse. It was a two story structure, the upper portion used by the Masonic Lodge. The new house of worship was dedicated January 3, 1861. In January, 1875 arrangements were completed for the building of a manse at a cost of about two thousand dollars. The church is presently a member of the Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery.



*HANNIBAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORGANIZED AS
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF HANNIBAL IN 1816
FIRST BUILDING 1826, PRESENT BUILDING ERECTED 1860
THESE TWO CHURCHES FEDERATED MAY 23, 1926 FORMING
HANNIBAL COMMUNITY CHURCH*

The Community Church was formed by a federation of these two churches at a service of worship and communion May 23, 1926, with both Deacons and Elders assisting Rev. F. W. McDermott. The list of pastors since federation includes:

Rev. Floyd W. McDermott 1926-1940
 Rev. E. H. McCahan 1940-1946
 Rev. Willis R. Sanderson 1946-1955
 Rev. Orval P. McBride 1955-

The Baptist Church Building has been completely renovated to serve as a meeting place for the various church and community groups, there being a well-equipped kitchen, dining room, and parlor. In 1958 a thirty by fifty Christian Education unit was built on the former Presbyterian building, providing adequate space for the growing Sunday Church School, the Week Day Religious Education program for Hannibal Central Students, and many other conference type activities. New steam heat was installed in the church and addition. In 1949 a new church model Baldwin electronic organ was purchased and dedicated with memorial gifts. Mass Cathedral electronic chimes were added in 1952.

The United Congregation has grown to include many branches of the Christian Church in its membership, without sacrificing the heritage of the local Baptist and Presbyterian congregations. The present officers are:

ELDERS

Wilfred Adamy (honorary)
 Fred Austin
 John Cox
 Allan Cox
 John Crego (honorary)
 Nelson Darling
 Mrs. E. J. Fairley (honorary)
 Maurice G. Lockwood
 Mrs. Bernard Welling
 Mrs. Winfred Welling
 Mrs. Eugene Woodworth

DEACONS

Carl Andrews
 Miss Lois Chaffee
 Hayes Braga (honorary)
 Bernard Welling
 Howard Welling
 Mrs. Dan Welling (honorary)
 Eugene Woodworth

TRUSTEES:

Henry Wiltse, Chairman
 Franklyn Adsitt
 Burleigh Chaffee
 Warren Darling
 John Grimsley, Jr.
 Fred Kent

Andrew Pawlenko, Jr.
 Edward Randall
 Roger Reniff
 Sam Sherman
 Richard Sitzler
 Mrs. Howard Welling

ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS

Mizpah Class, Mrs. Roy Darling
 Forum, Bernard Welling
 Willing Workers, Mrs. Kenneth Cooper
 United Fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reniff

M & M, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cox
 Youth Fellowship, Miss Carole Sherman
 Men (Dart Ball Teams) Andrew Pawlenko, Jr., John Cox
 Womens Federation, Mrs. Bernard Welling
 Organist, Music Director, Mrs. John Cox
 Choir, Miss Lois Chaffee, Pres.; Carl Andrews, Director
 Sunday Church School General Superintendent, Mrs. Aleida Pratt
 Financial Secretary, Mrs. Roy Darling
 Treasurer, Richard Fowler
 Building Fund, Will Fowler, Sec.; M. G. Lockwood, Treas.
 Baptist Benevolence Treas., Mrs. Robert Cook
 Presbyterian Benevolence Treas., Mrs. Eugene Woodworth
 Baptist Church Clerk, Mrs. Henry Wiltse
 The Congregational Society Clerk, John Cox
 Community Roll, Mrs. K. Cooper

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

Rev. James E. Nicholson

In the Fall of 1954 the increasing number of Catholics in the Hannibal area made it imperative that something be done to provide for their spiritual needs. In the school were enrolled 175 Catholic children and they required religious instruction. Consequently, the Rev. Edward C. Hearn, then pastor of Holy Family Church in Fulton, N. Y., together with his assistant, Rev. John Rogers, began a search for property within the village that would be suitable for the establishment of a Catholic center. On November 17, 1954 the deed was acquired for the home and land belonging to Mrs. Iva M. Goodrich on Cayuga St.

The first Catholic Mass in Hannibal was offered by the Rev. John Rogers on Sunday, November 28, 1954 in the parlor of the house. Eighty-seven people attended. From that day on the congregation increased steadily until it became apparent that larger and more permanent facilities would be necessary. The barn behind the house was then (transformed) into a beautiful little chapel. The men and women of the parish worked night and day for many weeks under the direction of Albert Keding. The length of the barn was doubled, a new tile floor laid, walls insulated and painted, heating and lighting installed. St. Joseph's Church in Oswego provided used pews, while the other furnishings — the altar, vestments, candlesticks, books, etc., were donated by friends and parishioners. On Easter Sunday, April 10, 1955, the first Mass in this church was also offered by Father Rogers.

In the Spring of 1956 Father Hearn reported to His Excellency, Bishop Walter A. Foery of the Diocese of Syracuse that the Catholics of Hannibal were anxious to be established as an independent parish. As a result, Our Lady of the Rosary Church officially came into being on June 1, 1956, and the Rev. James E. Nicholson was appointed the first resident pastor.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH — COMPLETED 1959

Under Father Nicholson further development proceeded, principal of which was the construction of a new and permanent brick church designed to seat 318. Most of the labor involved in this construction was furnished by the men of the parish and several boys of the village. The project was completed in a little less than one year. Ground was broken on April 8, 1958 and the first Mass was offered by Father Nicholson on Holy Thursday, March 26, 1959. Bishop Foery solemnly blessed the new structure on June 9, 1959.

HANNIBAL CENTRAL SCHOOL

Carl Andrews, District Principal

On June 8, 1949, the residents of Hannibal and about 24 common school districts surrounding elected to enjoy the benefits of a centralized school system for the education of the youth in this area. The central district encompasses about ninety square miles. It has grown from about six hundred seventy students in 1949-50 to a high of 1490 in September 1958. There were thirty-eight professionals on the staff in the first year of the centralization. This number now stands at seventy-eight.

Provision for educating the hundreds of students who have attended, or will attend, the Hannibal Central School has involved curriculum development and improvement, plant additions, staff enlargement and in-service training, and much public participation. A unique feature of the Hannibal system's growth and improvement has been the outstanding cooperation which the citizens of the area and the school-connected personnel have shown from the first discussions about centralization to the present time.

For many years, the Citizens Educational Advisory Council has been recognized as the official advisory group to the Board of Education. Members of the CEAC have been instrumental in promoting voter understanding and support for the central school's curriculum growth and plant expansion.

The Hannibal Central School Faculty Association has continuously striven to promote the growth, development, and improvement of the course offerings of the school. They have been assisted and encouraged by a Board of Education whose membership has included men and women who have undertaken the trust placed in them by fellow citizens vigorously and wholeheartedly. Unusual levels of cooperative endeavor in this district have resulted in the high level of professional effectiveness observed by special evaluating committees of the Middle States Association of Accredited Secondary Schools.

As a consequence of the wholesome climate which exists between students, professionals, and lay citizens, above average schooling is being provided the youth who attend the Hannibal Central School. Perhaps the best possible way to describe the meaningful goals of this school is embodied in the following statement of the Hannibal school's philosophy:

"We believe the purpose of the Hannibal Central School is to assist each student to develop himself scholastically, socially, morally, physically, aesthetically, and emotionally in order that he may become a responsible citizen in our democratic society, and that he may have the adaptability to succeed in a rapidly changing world."



HANNIBAL CENTRAL SCHOOL — CENTRALIZED 1949

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Carl Andrews, District Principal

Early historical records indicate that on April 13, 1813, a meeting was held at a Mr. Carter's home at which the first officers of the Hannibal village school were elected. Arvin Rice, Samuel Sanders, and John D. Bradt were the trustees, and William Hawks became collector. This meeting also authorized the levying of a school tax not to exceed \$100.00 to build a schoolhouse. This first school actually cost \$60.48.

By 1820, a second school building had been authorized to be built. No costs are available, but this was a two-room brick structure which stood on the site of the residence now owned by Gordon Harten on Oswego Street.



FAIRLEY SCHOOL K-2

Records are incomplete, but it seems evident that the school was maintained because in 1868, a large two story four-room brick building became necessary. This building was constructed on the site now owned by Burritt Chevrolet Company on Cayuga Street. This building was destroyed by fire on February 23, 1923. This tragedy necessitated the construction of the 18-room building with gymnasium-auditorium which now forms the central part of the main school building located about 1000 feet west on Cayuga Street from the 1868 structure.

Following centralization in 1949, several separate building projects have resulted in the construction of additions to the 1923 structure and a 17-room K-2 building on Auburn Street. A separate bus garage, built in 1951, with 14 stalls and an agriculture shop and classroom, and the District Office building on Auburn Street, formerly owned by Grant Wilson, round out the physical structures of the Hannibal Central School. Total value — \$2,000,000.

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1859-1950

Common School District, 1869-1897—Rennselaer Matteson, H. M. Barrett, C. S. Chamberlain, Sr., E. H. Boyd, M.D., Norman Titus, George H. Burt, William R. Cox, John A. Cox, L. P. Storms, Harrison Matteson, Henry Brackett, Amos D. Cowles, Alfred Rice, M.D., Samuel Crandell, Alvah Lund, Joseph Albring, J. H. Brackett, A. S. Guthrie, James R. Chamberlain, B. N. Hinman, Owen Draper.

Union School District, 1898-1905—Frank Crandell, A. W. Wiltse, J. B. Burt, F. E. Babcock.

High School, 1906-1949—J. B. Burt, F. E. Babcock, Orville Wiltse, Grant B. Wilson, Theodore P. Ball, Milton H. VanAuken, Sr., Zilpha Stickle Powers, Walter C. Matteson, Judson S. Stevenson, James Brackett, S. R. Lockwood, George LaFontaine, Walter W. Manning, Charles A. Cox, Alfred H. Cox, William H. Chillson, Jr., Frank C. Haven, Jr., James R. Gault, Charles G. Lohr, Chester Travis, Edward J. Fairley, Melzar H. VanAuken, Fred O. Palmer, William Shutts, Fannie Tucker, Edna F. VanAuken, Harold Lockwood, Floyd Cooper, Mrs. Harold Lockwood, Mrs. Ella Perkins, Raymond Scott, William VanFleet, Kenneth Hall, Harry Cummins, Gillard Horn, Robert Cook, Kenneth Tyler.

Centralized School, 1949-1960—Maurice Lockwood, William Shutts, Melvin McIntyre, Rowland LaGasse, James Best, Walden White, Lawrence Mendel, Lawrence Crissy, Paul MacCutcheon, Eugene Hanley, Allen Irwin, John Gray, Luther Hannum, Gilford Richardson, LaRue Christie, Harry Darling, Nelson Darling, Harold Beckwith, Theodore Dann, Herman Pesch, Verna Dulin, Thelma Lowden, John Columbus, John Barry, Raymond Fowler.

HANNIBAL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Flossie Kellogg

The P.T.A. has played an important role in the life of Hannibal Central School. The organization dates back to 1929-31 with the following as President: Mrs. Blaine Welling 1929-31; Mrs. Ruth Kampel 1931-33; Mrs. Lucille McDermott 1933-35; Mrs. Roland Wheeler 1935-37; Mrs. Doris Taggart 1937-39; Mrs. Helen Wanser 1939-41; Mrs. Charles Coolican 1941-42. After this it became non-existent.

After centralization there was a desire by many civic-minded citizens who recognized the values and importance of teacher-parent cooperation and participation, to organize a PTA. In the fall of 1952, Hannibal Central Parent Teacher Association was organized with a new charter. There was a membership of over four hundred that first year, with two hundred and four charter members. Since that time, we have had an average membership of approximately three hundred.

The meetings have proved to be a clearing house for various problems which daily confront parents and teachers. Numerous current problems that face schools and educators have been discussed and explained, thereby proving a splendid means of communication and understanding. Here, too, teachers and parents have met on common ground, over a cup of coffee, and established good relationships and friendships.

Many excellent programs have been fostered by the organization. Some meetings have been devoted to consultants from specialized fields such as science, mathematics, psychology, etc. One meeting a year has been given to a panel discussion on pertinent current issues. Four such panels have included driver-education, extra curricular activities, safety on our highways, and juvenile delinquency.

Other outstanding meetings have featured slides and dialogue showing the growth and expansion of Hannibal Central School, Foreign Student Night, educational films, school exhibits and a series of films on child development, accompanied by suggestions from a specialist on the subject. During the past two years, "cottage-type" meetings have been held twice a year. These gatherings were held in various homes throughout the district. The same type program was enjoyed by each group.

One of the most lasting and beneficial projects of the organization is the establishment of a student loan fund. Each year the PTA sponsors a Memorial Day Festival to raise money for this fund. To date, six students from four different fields of interest, have taken advantage of this fund.

Other projects have been the establishment of a fund for financial assistance to children with eye problems, sponsoring of the Girl and Boy Scouts, reception for teachers in the fall, a picnic or dinner for Teacher-Recognition Day and various other minor activities as the occasion arises.

The following have served as President since reorganization: Harold Brown, M.D., Burton Hall, Wilbur Peters, John Columbus, Rev. Orval McBride, Daniel Benedict, elect 1960.

Several members have been honored with the presentation of the Life Membership; Mrs. Ethol Scriptor, Mrs. Raymond Scott, Mrs. Winfred Welling, Mrs. LeRoy Wade, Mrs. Luther Hannum.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

By Catherine Dailey

The Hannibal High School Alumni Association was organized in December 1904, with a membership of 25. The first officers were: President, Esther Hewitt (Moore); Vice President, Bessie Boyd (Wiltse); and Secretary, Roy Palmer.

This association is composed of all graduates dating back from the first class of 1901; all training class graduates, 1914-1933; and honorary members consisting of all principals and teachers past and present. The graduating class each year are guests of the alumni association at the annual banquet.

The purpose of the organization is to perpetuate school memories and traditions among the graduates and to do honor to our Alma Mater. The association has made a practice of donating a \$5.00 gift each year to the boy and to the girl chosen by the faculty who is best qualified in character, leadership, scholarship, cooperation and sportsmanship. In 1958 this donation was voted to be increased to \$10.00.

The smallest graduating class was that of 1903 with Blanche Hall (Darling) the only graduate. The largest was the class of 1960 with 76 members.

The number of high school graduates including classes of 1901 through 1960 totals 2353. The training class graduates total 305.

The Alumni banquets of late years have been attracting considerable interest with an increasing representation now averaging 300 to 400 persons. The excellent programs are always highlighted by an alumni guest speaker who has furthered himself in higher education.

During our 56 years of organization, our school has been honored by the following principals: S. R. Lockwood, 1900-08; Nellie G. Bradt, 1917-18; S. R. Lockwood, 1918-35; L. E. Johnson, 1935-46; Edgar H. Beebe, 1946-49; Stanley Church, 1949-52; and at present, Carl Andrews, who came to Hannibal in 1952.

In 1952, the Alumni Association donated to the school a memorial plaque in honor of S. R. Lockwood to be placed in what is now known as the Stephen R. Lockwood auditorium.

Our Alma Mater, composed by E. Ward Adamy of the class of 1909, is as follows:

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| 1. | Chorus |
| Just above the sparkling waters | Lift the chorus, speed it onward |
| Of the old mill pond | In its praises vie |
| Stands our High School in its glory | Hail, all hail, to Hannibal High |
| We its pupils fond. | (Central) School |
| 2. | Hail to Hannibal High. |
| Our school life is swiftly passing | 3. |
| Gliding smoothly by | Former schoolmates have gone from |
| Soon we'll be the busy workers | us |
| Far From Hannibal High. | With a purpose bold |
| | Looking back with fondest memories |
| | To Hannibal High of old. |
| 4. | |
| We love to watch these former schoolmates | |
| As they upward climb | |
| Pressing toward the mount of vision | |
| With a faith sublime. | |

At the close of this history of our Hannibal Alumni Association, we wish to offer our respect to the memory of those who founded it, and to those who have henceforth carried it on to make it what it is today. Their tribulations have been many, but they continued ahead and with them, our school has grown to be respected by everyone. Just one more successful organization that leads to a greater and better Hannibal, which is now celebrating its great Centennial.

HANNIBAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lloyd Tyler

This year, on October 15, the Hannibal Fire Co., Inc., will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a banquet at the Hannibal Hotel.

Hannibal Fire Co. got permission from the village board to incorporate under the State Membership Incorporation Law, in November, 1910. The ten charter members were Walter C. Matteson, Leon E. Porter, Mark Minar, John McFarland, Frank E. Day, James B. Burt, R. A. Bradt, Hurd B. Douglas, Thomas F. Thompson, and Bernie R. Bothwell, all of Hannibal. The legal work was done by Elwin Gardner, who is still practicing in the village of Hannibal.

These charter members first purchased a two-wheeled, hand-drawn, chemical tank outfit on which were mounted two 35-gallon tanks — soda and acid type. These tanks were later sold to Granby Center when they organized a fire department.

In 1911 land was purchased from Corydon and Sarah Chamberlain to house the equipment, the lot now occupied by the Hannibal Free Library.

Younger men coming into the department wanted motorized equipment and argued for three years (1925-27) with the charter members. They agreed to buy a used Model T Ford truck for \$250. The tanks were mounted on the Model T along with a donated siren. The work of mounting the tanks was done by Jay Campbell in his shop down by the creek. This combination was used until 1933.

In 1933, the Model T was traded in for a new Chevy truck. The tanks were remounted on the new truck. Later the same year, the tanks were sold to Granby Center and a new 250-gallon Rotary Gear pump was purchased from the Sanford Fire Equipment Corp., Syracuse, along with 350 feet of two and a half inch hose and a booster line. This was Hannibal's first pumper.

The day the truck was brought back to Hannibal with the new equipment mounted on it, the house now occupied by John Cox caught fire. With just enough hose to reach a little creek in back of the house, the department was able to put the fire out, thereby illustrating to both the company and the public, the greater protection offered by pumpers.

The department began having field days around 1935, to raise money. With these funds they bought a new 1938 Chevy fire truck, custom-built body, with a 400-gallon Rotary Gear pump. They kept the old truck, thus having two trucks in operation.

In 1937, Hannibal Town Board established a Fire Protection District, the first of its kind in New York State. William Gallagher, County Attorney, donated his services for the necessary legal work, as little was known of the new laws at that time.

In 1941, the department purchased a new 500-gallon Dodge pumper. They kept the '38 pumper and sold the '33 model to Ira Hill when it organized a fire company.

The problem of housing the equipment became apparent in 1945. The old fire house was too small to house the two trucks. A new fire house with a meeting room upstairs was built on the present site on land donated by Nell Acker. On March 1, 1948, the old fire house was leased to the Hannibal Free Library.

As time went on, the department realized that the equipment they had was getting old in point of service. The department decided to buy a new pumper, keeping all of the old trucks.

In 1956, a new 750-gallon pumper, fully equipped, with a high pressure fog outfit, was purchased from the Young Fire Equipment Corp., Buffalo, at a cost of approximately \$14,000.

Needing more room for equipment, the Fire Dept. contacted Nell Acker and she again came to the rescue by donating more land so that an addition could be built onto the present fire house.

The company then purchased a 1938 Chevy panel emergency car, equipped with red lights, siren, portable lighting system, stretchers, and a resuscitator.

Today Hannibal Fire Department has contracts for fire protection with the Town of Hannibal, Village of Hannibal, the Town of Oswego, and the Town of Sterling.

Hannibal is considered one of the hardest working volunteer fire departments outside the cities in Oswego County, averaging in recent years from 70 to 80 fire calls per year. The company has 36 trained men in the State Fire Training program and 20 have taken graduate work. That, with the actual experience gained at fires, makes for a good company, proud of its achievements.

HANNIBAL FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY

Virginia Davenport

The Hannibal Firemen's Auxiliary was organized at the Firehouse, September 25, 1955 with a representative from the Fire Department presiding at the meeting.

Charter members—

Sadie Adamy	Pearl Flint	Marjorie Norvell
Evelyn Baldwin	Syd Finck	Theresa Patane
Gladys Broderick	Barbara Fowler	Delores Patane
Burdella Cox	Jane Grant	Dorothy Pratt
Bessie Chillson	Evelyn Getz	Carol Pelton
Marie Crahan	Irene Gugula	Ruth Palmer
Alice Chamberlain	Inez Hennessey	Mary Patane
Kathryn Crofoot	Shirley Hepple	Edna Rice
Elsie Crofoot	Betty Horn	Ethol Scriptor
Shirley Cianfarano	Betty Hendricks	Vera Sennett
Ada Crapser	Ruth Hendricks	Mabel Shutts
Muriel Chetney	Louella Hendricks	Barbara Sitzler
Harvia Chaffee	Betty Hyde	Mae Stone
Verda Cole	Irene Havens	Hazel Simmons
Bunny Dann	Lenore Inch	Madeline Sherman
Arlene DiBello	Louise Kellogg	Jennie Travis
Virginia Davenport	Eunice Kent	Norma Tompkins
Catharine Dailey	Lillian Miano	Dorothy Tyler
Mary Drozda	Agnes Meade	Mabel Umbeck
Alice Dexter	Connie Meldrum	Pat VanDeusen
Evelyn Dibello	Marjorie McCarthy	Kate Vader
Jane Earle	Pam McGlen	Avis Wiltse
Helen Fairley	Betty Malone (John)	
Matie Flint	Betty Malone (Wm.)	

The following officers were installed by State President, Mrs. Sherman, with County President, Mrs. Petrie, present.

President — Shirley Cianfarano

Vice President — Virginia Davenport

Secretary — Alice Dexter

Treasurer — Bunny Dann

We have worked on a number of projects to earn money during our five and a half years of organization. Card parties were held at the Firehouse and at members' homes. We had a Halliday Plastic Party. A spaghetti supper was held at school. We had a dance at school with Mr. Tripp's Dance Band and at the Hotel with the Country Rhythm Boys. A quilt, afghan and embroidered tablecloth made by members were raffled. On Field Days we've had fish ponds, bake sales, cake booths, pie and coffee booths, fancy work, grab bags, rosettes, raffles and White Elephant Sales. A coffeemaker and pitchers were purchased by selling vanilla and pepper. A Recipe Book was made with favorite recipes of members.

Each year we have a Christmas Party with exchange of gifts and installation of officers. Each Fall we have our Annual Banquet for members and their husbands. In 1959, our float was entered in Hannibal, Fulton and Granby Center parades and won second prize in Granby. This year we are purchasing pretty blue uniforms for our members.

The purpose of our organization is to aid the firemen. We serve coffee and refreshments at fires. We furnish and serve at County Fire Meetings and schools. We had a kitchen shower to furnish needed supplies, and members made curtains for the Fire Hall. A clothing drive to supply articles needed by families whose homes burn was held. We helped the firemen with Christmas parties for children in the Fire District.

In 1956 we gave \$200.00 to the firemen for the addition to the firehouse. In 1957 we gave a portable lighting system. An open house was held to demonstrate this and other fire equipment and we had a dedication ceremony. In 1958 we gave \$1,000 for a payment on the new fire truck.

Present officers—

President — Patricia Patane

Vice President — Arlene DiBello

Secretary — Virginia Davenport

Treasurer — Shirley Cianfarano

HANNIBAL FREE LIBRARY

1945-1960

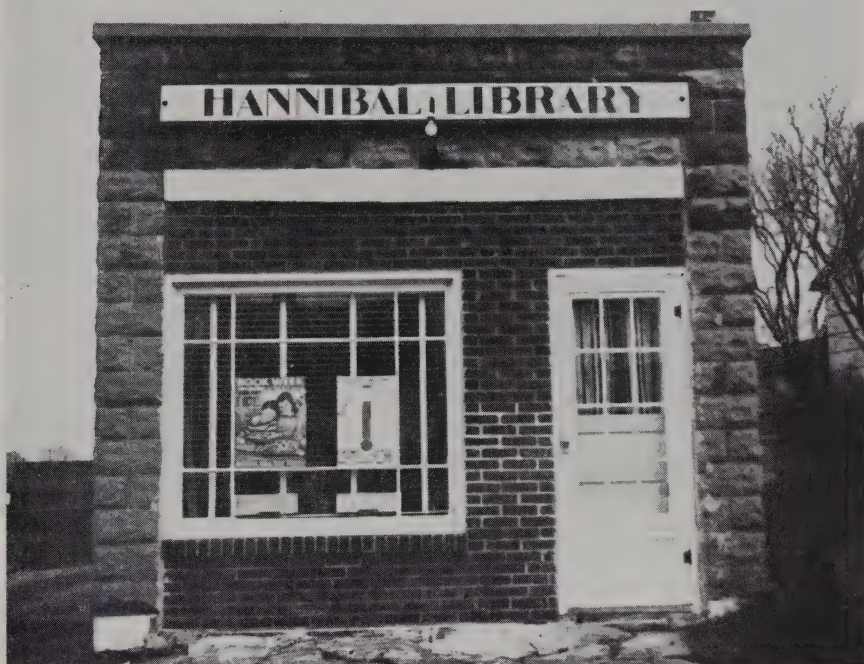
Mrs. Harold Blanchard

On May 7, 1945, a meeting of citizens with a vision of a library for the village of Hannibal, was held in the Hannibal High School. From this group a committee was appointed to proceed with the matter of establishing such a library.

A board of directors of the Hannibal Community Club was named in connection with sponsoring the library. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Leon Jackson; Vice President, Mrs. Eugene McCahan (wife of Rev. Eugene McCahan, former pastor of the Hannibal Community Church); Secretary, Rev. Leland Webster (former pastor of the Hannibal Methodist Church); Treasurer, Harold Blanchard. Mrs. Louis Johnson, wife of former principal Johnson of Hannibal High School, acted as librarian.

Residents were asked to contribute books for the library, especially current fiction and children's books. The library board and other townspeople spent many hours processing these books.

The library first opened on August 25, 1945 in the home of Miss Fanny Rhoades. Miss Rhoades offered a room, rent free, with heat and lights furnished. Miss Rhoades, who died in August, 1957, volunteered many untiring hours of service in order that the village might benefit from a public library. Without doubt she will be remembered for her strictness in all her accomplishments. In spite of her exactness, she also possessed a sense of humor that was not easily discovered by everyone.



During the first year the library was supported by funds raised by solicitation and donations. This money was correlated by state aid in the amount of one hundred dollars. All public libraries are required by the state to maintain a bank balance of one hundred dollars in order to be eligible for state aid. It is also required that not less than two hundred dollars be expended for the purchase of books each year .

In 1947 the village of Hannibal voted to appropriate two hundred dollars annually for the support of the library. This appropriation is of considerable aid to the library.

The first provisional charter was issued by the state department on July 18, 1946 to be renewed in five years. The library has operated on a provisional charter at the suggestion of the state department, as have many small libraries that are financially limited.

On January 27, 1948 the Volunteer Fire Department voted to lease their old building to the Hannibal Free Library. The Fire Department no longer needed their old building after erecting a new one directly across the street.

Immediate plans were then made by the library board members for a house-to-house canvass of the village to secure funds for remodeling purposes. The approximate cost reached five hundred dollars. Through generous donations from many sources, the remodeling was completed and a grand opening was slated for April 26, 1948.

On April 30, 1948 a Dedication Banquet was held at the Community House culminating the opening of the new building. Mr. Raymond Scott, Fire Chief, formally presented the lease of the building to Mr. Harold Blanchard, President of the Library Board. Miss L. Marion Moshier, Superintendent of Public Libraries for N. Y. State, was guest speaker at the banquet. It was both a privilege and an honor to have Miss Moshier, a distinguished personality in Hannibal.

The North Central Regional Library Association met at the Masonic Temple on October 12, 1948. Dr. Neil VanDeusen, then Director of Library Extension at Albany, was the principal speaker. Sixteen libraries belonging to the Association were represented. A luncheon was served by a committee of the Community Club.

Card parties and bake sales sponsored by various organizations have been held to aid in the support of the library.

The library has been manned solely by volunteers; people interested enough to contribute a few hours of their time per month. A group of Girl Scouts served as librarians to achieve their Library Aids Bars.

The number of volumes has increased to two thousand three hundred and four. The registered borrowers number four hundred and nine. Although television has had an adverse affect on circulation, in 1959 there was a total circulation of nine hundred and ninety-eight.

The Hannibal Free Library, created from a vision held by a small group of citizens, has steadily grown since 1945. The Library Board now consists of: Mrs. Mabel Shutts, Mrs. Kathryn Vader, Mrs. Marilyn Wheeler, Mrs. Verna Dulin and Mrs. Irene Blanchard.

Community development means many things to many people. It may refer to physical growth — all the externals that make for healthful living in a modern community. The library, while it does not alone have the key to building better communities, has a remarkably important contribution to make.

PRIOR-STOCK POST NO. 1552 AMERICAN LEGION

Karl Kellogg

Although the American Legion, as a national body, dates back to the close of World War I in 1919, it was not until a group of veterans, mostly of World War II, met during the summer of 1946 that a local post of the American Legion was formed. On July 29, 1946, thirty-seven men were initiated into the American Legion by officers of the Oswego County American Legion headed by County Commander, Howard Heckethorn. Immediately following this, Past Commander Joseph H. Beale of Fulton installed the following officers of the post: Commander, Karl S. Kellogg; 1st vice commander, Clive Mead; 2nd vice commander, Clifford Kellogg;

3rd vice commander, Hugh Showers; Adjutant, Fred Lockwood; Finance officer, John Palesch; Service officer, Ray W. Perkins; Chaplain, William Hubbard; Sergeant at arms, John Clancy; Historian, Duane Van Deusen. In memory of local boys who gave their lives for their country in World War II, it was decided to name the new post Prior-Stock Post, thus honoring Richard Prior, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Prior and Benjamin and Wesley Stock, sons of Mrs. Carrie Stock.

After meeting under a temporary charter for the period of one year, as required by Legion regulations, the permanent charter was granted to Prior-Stock Post No. 1552 on Oct. 24, 1947 and presented to the Post Officers at Oswego County Legion meeting in Pulaski on Nov. 22, 1947.

First meetings of the new post were held in the Masonic Temple through the courtesy of Hannibal Lodge No. 550, F. & A. M. For nearly a year thereafter, meetings were held in the old Grange Hall on Fulton Street, later razed to make room for George Chillson's garage which now occupies the site. In the autumn of 1947, the purchase of the present Post Home on Church Street, adjacent to the Dairymen's League milk receiving plant, was consummated.

Founded on the principals of service to the community, state and nation, the American Legion through its local unit, attempts to carry out this ideal. Although a small post, with an average membership of thirty-five or forty, Prior-Stock Post has always done its utmost to assist veterans, their widows and orphans who are in need or distress; has contributed to veterans' rehabilitation work; sent outstanding boys from Hannibal Central School to Boys' State, and annually gives an American Legion School Award to a selected Junior boy from Hannibal Central School.

The officers of Prior-Stock Post No. 1552 installed on January 28, 1960, were: Commander, Roger Blanchard; 1st vice commander, James Blanchard; 2nd vice commander, William Quigley; 3rd vice commander, Frank Pierce; Adjutant, Theodore Baldwin; Finance officer, Bernard Shutts; Service officer, R. W. Perkins; Chaplain, Karl S. Kellogg; Sergeant at arms, Maurice Moody; Historian, Donald Wheeler.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Agnes Meade — Pauline Wade — Mabel Shutts

A unit of the largest women's patriotic organization in the United States, Prior Stock Unit No. 1552, American Legion Auxiliary, was organized in 1947. A temporary meeting was called on October 18 by Post Commander Donald Wheeler. The organization meeting was held on October 27, 1947. Officers elected: President, Helen Lyons; 1st Vice, Mary Gault; 2nd Vice, Ruth Merz; Secretary, Elizabeth McGlen; Treasurer, Dorothy Van Patten; Chaplain, Phyllis Welling; Historian, Marilyn Wheeler; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mabel Shutts. Officers were installed by Mrs. Volina Jerred, Oswego County Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Betty Hamil-

ton, Fifth District Chairman. Charter members: Agnes Mead, Helen Lyons, Catherine Dailey, Elizabeth McGlen, Marilyn Wheeler, Ellen Wheeler, Virginia Powers, Thelma Van Deusen, Esther Crofoot, Ruth Merz, Mary Gault, Mabel Shutts, Shirley McCann, Dorothy Van Patten, Phyllis Welling, Marjorie Palesch, Madeline Lyons, Marian Beebe.

Some of the outstanding work accomplished over the years: Americanism: The unit has promoted a "Know Your Flag," its care and display, under the leadership of Florence Welling, chairman. An Americanism Award is given annually at Commencement to an outstanding girl, a Junior in High School. This Spring, 1960, the Unit sponsored the local Cancer Drive, Catherine Dailey, Chairman. Needy children are remembered under Child Welfare. All community drives are well supported by cash donations. Coupons are collected for the benefit of the Women's Infirmary at Tupper Lake. Every five years a Junior in High School is sent to Girl's State. Girls sent: Agnes Scanlon, Margaret Richardson, Carol Sherman. The Unit supports the Legion Legislation by letters to Congressmen, Senators and Assemblymen. Christmas finds all local Service Personnel overseas remembered with gifts. The third Saturday in May "Poppy Day," the Unit offers the public the little red poppy in remembrance of the boys who made the supreme sacrifice. The poppies are made by veterans in hospitals, receiving one cent for each one made, only money some have. The money paid for poppies goes for rehabilitation of veterans. Money from sale of poppies, locally, is spent entirely in the community for veterans and their families. Poppy Posters are made in local school under the direction of the Art teacher, Mrs. Susie Andrews. Posters are awarded ribbons and used in store windows to make people aware of Poppy Day and its significance. At Christmas and other times ill veterans are remembered with gifts and cards. Parties are sponsored at Syracuse V.A. Hospital with gifts and refreshments. The Christmas gift shop at Syracuse V. A. Hospital is well supported by gifts and workers. The Unit supports the Post and its projects at all times.

Officers for 1960 are: President, Louise Baldwin; 1st Vice, Kathryn Crofoot 2nd Vice, Lillian Miano; Secretary, Ruth Merz; Recording Secretary, Beverly Barry; Treasurer, Catherine Dailey; Chaplain, Ellen Wheeler; Historian, Pauline Wade; Sgt.-at-Arms, Susie Deloff; Rehabilitation Chairman, Virginia Davenport; Child Welfare, Lillian Miano. Agnes Mead has served as Fifth District Chairman this year. This comprises the counties of Jefferson, Herkimer, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego. These officers, with the other members of the Unit, carry on faithfully all the work of the Auxiliary for the Community, State and Nation.

HANNIBAL HISTORY SEEN THROUGH MASONRY

Gordon W. Sturge — Donald Gleason — Howard Perkins

The first Lodge with 14 members was started in 1824 and was known as No. 419. It was the fifth Lodge chartered in Oswego county and the petition bears the recommendation of Oswego Lodge No. 326 which ordered the sanction of said Lodge and was signed by John Grant, Master, and Ephraim Reed, Secretary of Oswego Lodge on August 4, 1824.

The Morgan Affair, an anti-Masonic movement in the 1830's, put many lodges out of commission, including Hannibal. In the 1860's a re-organizing movement was started with Alfred Worster as Master and 16 members. The Lodge was then known as Hannibal Lodge No. 550 F. & A. M. Today the membership totals 220 under the leadership of Benjamin C. Elms, Worshipful Master.

The Lodge has been very fortunate to have such men as John Bullen, who formed the Western Emigration Company in 1834 which led to the founding of Kenosha, Wisconsin, on June 12, 1835. He also organized the Southport Chapter Royal Arch Masons in March 1846 and Kenosha Lodge in 1853 and was the first High Priest. Dr. Edwin H. Boyd guided the destiny of the Masons for 19 years. There were Dr. Cyrus Haven and Dr. George V. Emens, a dentist who published the first newspaper, called the "Hannibal Reveille" in 1866. Clarence B. Brower was Master for nine years and his father Secretary for 14 years. Another record is held by Raymond Shutts, Secretary for 14 years, and James Chamberlain who held down the post for 22 years. Walter Curtis Matteson was Town Supervisor, District Deputy Grand Master in the 15th Masonic District, County Clerk for 8 years and a member of the New York State County Clerks' Association. Ivan Pittroff has been on the Board of Education at Cato-Meridian Central School for 21 years and President of it for many years. James Harold Gillis is plant manager of the Nestle Chocolate Company in Fulton, N. Y. Carl Andrews is District Principal of the Hannibal Central School area with a faculty of 78 and a school population of 1500.

There are no less than 10 members who have received the 50 year membership awards and one 60 year award which was given to James Jackson. Seventeen members became 32 degree Masons and several are Shriners. Jay Hilbert Baker, Howard Ellithorpe and George Lamb are honorary members.

The Lodge has been very active in the affairs of the town and village, sponsoring and aiding in every worthwhile project.

Three disastrous fires have forced the members to seek or build new quarters. After the last conflagration in 1942 fine new lodge rooms were built at a cost of \$25,000.

Brother Hurd Douglas gave the fine electric neon sign facing the village square which acts as a beacon to light the way to all weary travelers.

Hannibal Lodge No. 550 F. & A. M. will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its reorganization on June 7, 1965. It can look back with justifiable pride on its long and successful growth and stability due to the great wisdom, perseverance and loyalty to high ideals of its far-seeing members.

Such names as Nims, Chamberlain, Bradt, Schaff, Clark, Jackson, Wiggins, Brower, Cooper, Byrne, Matteson, Boyd, Kellogg, VanAuken, Wiltse, Shutts and many others have contributed their time and talents to build the present strong Masonic organization. We can look forward to the future with hope and a realization of better and greater things to come.



MASONIC TEMPLE — DEDICATED 1945

HULDAH CHAPTER 485, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Mrs. Madolyn Adsitt

Huldah Chapter was organized by Laura Byrne with the assistance of R.W.S. Anna Bartlett and R.W.B. Leroy Hollis, both of Sandy Creek, who were District Grand Officers at that time. Our Chapter was instituted by Elizabeth Chapter of Fulton. Officers when organized were: W. Matron, Laura Byrne; W. Patron, Andrew Byrne; Assoc. Matron, Ella Bothwell; Sec., Helen Fairley; Treas., Miriam Acker; Cond., Helen Matteson; Assoc. Con., Zilpha Powers; Chaplain, Ellen Porter; Marshall, Bessie Porter; Musician, Bessie Wiltse; Color Bearer, Lena Jerrett; Warder, Susan Broderick; Sentinel, Hiram Blodgett; Adah, Winifred Brackett; Ruth, Mildred Jackson; Esther, Erma Mayer; Martha, Lora

Sutts; Electa, Florence Wright. Other charter members included Anna B. Edwards, Florence V. Watkins, Anna Montgomery, Dora B. Baker, Laura L. Day, Ethel Minar, Belle O. Wiggins, Bessie B. Barnum, Ada J. VanAuken, Ella M. Taylor, Edna M. Kellogg, Fannie O. Burt, Phila C. Byrne, Marietta H. Lockwood, Florence R. Chapman, Anna M. Chamberlain and Vina B. Acker. They received their Charter in October 1910.

In 1916 Laura Byrne, the first Matron of Huldah Chapter, became the District Deputy Grand Matron of Oswego District which was quite an honor for a new chapter. Over the years Huldah Chapter members have represented the Oswego District several times. In 1923 Estelle Hyatt Webb served as D.D.G.M.; 1936, Helen Fairley; 1950, Tressa Gleason; 1959, Lucille Kranze.

Meetings were first held in the third story of the building now owned by William Shutts, which was the Masonic Temple at that time. A few years later, the Masons bought the building located on the site of the present Temple, and O.E.S. of course moved with them. The disastrous fire of October 22, 1942 completely destroyed all the Chapter belongings. They had \$350 insurance which was used to replace lost equipment, but, in the meantime, with the help of Lake City Chapter, meetings were continued in the old Grange Hall until April 1943. At that time they moved back to William Shutts' building which had been rented by the Masons. Here they were very busy raising funds for the Chapter rooms which they were anticipating in the new building. During these difficult years Hazel Lockwood, Marjorie Hadcock and Irene Wooley had served in the East. It was during Mabel Robinson's year as W. Matron, with Clifford Robinson as W. Patron, that on May 8, 1945 the first Chapter meeting was held in the new building.

In 1945 Officers Club was organized by Reta Ecker, then acting as Associate Matron. They planned to meet once each month for necessary practice as well as fellowship.

During the past few years the Worthy Matron each year has taken as her project the refurbishing and redecorating of the chapter rooms and equipping the kitchen.

At the last meeting held in June 1960, the Worthy Matron, Esther Hall, with the help of her line officers, honored the 50th Anniversary of Huldah Chapter as well as the surviving Charter Members and initiates of the first year.

NORTH HANNIBAL GRANGE NO. 672

Mrs. Edith Cooper, Mrs. Elta Scott

During the late 1880's there was an Agricultural Club at North Hannibal which met to discuss agricultural problems and for social betterment. In the winter of 1890 this club considered organizing a grange. A committee was appointed to study the possibility of a grange and the sentiment was so favorable that on April 1, 1890, 47 persons expressed their desire to become grangers. The grange was organized by District Deputy

John Upcraft of Hope Grange. Frederick Stark was chosen Master. They met in private homes for several weeks, then rented the home of Mrs. Ann Lockwood for a year, then considered building a hall. A grange hall company was formed and the hall was built in July 1891.

At the first annual election of officers on December 11, 1890 the following officers were elected: Master, Oscar Dutcher; Overseer, Charles Farnham; Lecturer, Cora Farnham; Steward, Edwin Pearce; Assistant Steward, C. E. Baker; Chaplain, James Wilson; Treasurer, W. J. Bradt; secretary, J. E. Janes; Com. Secretary, Charles Williams; Gate Keeper, George Callen; Pomona, Mrs. D. E. Cameron; Flora, Etta Dutcher; Ceres, Mrs. Charles Williams; L. A. Steward, Kit Lockwood; Organist, Eva Newman; Trustees, Mrs. Ann Lockwood, George Phillips, William Farnham. The hall was dedicated July 12, 1891. In the early 1900's a Juvenile Grange was organized with Melva Bradt Farnham as Matron. The grange has continued to hold meetings since its inception in April 1890 with few interruptions except for bad weather or illness of members.

HANNIBAL GIRL SCOUTS

By Irene Haven

The first Girl Scout troop in Hannibal was organized in 1928 by Florence Welling. It was sponsored by the Methodist and Community Churches. For fifteen years, until Mrs. Welling retired, many girls belonged to Brownie, Intermediate and Senior troops.

In 1936 the use of a campsite was given to the Girl Scouts for as long as they should wish to use it. The girls earned money and "Owls Nest," a comfortable camp, was erected and furnished for use. It has been enjoyed many times since by both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Three girls were honored for their faithful service by receiving the "Golden Eaglet" which was the highest award given to a Girl Scout at that time.

Now the Hannibal Central School Girl Scouts, sponsored by the Parent Teachers' Association, have several troops covering a wide area including Bowens Corners, Granby, Pembers Corners and Hannibal.

Through the years of active scouting the girls have learned many skills and several have reached their First Class and Curved Bar Ranks. Many girls have enjoyed camping in the summer at the established camp at Near Wilderness. Troop camping and day camping have also proven to be great fun and experience for all.

The girls have gone on many educational trips some of which were to dairies, bakeries, Syracuse National Guards, Marathon Paper Factory and Corning Glass Works.

They have shared in many service projects such as sending boxes of mittens and clothing to the Hungarian refugees, making and sending a quilt to a southern mission, making gifts and favors for hospitals as well as the Murphy and Dulin Homes.

In 1959 Hannibal was honored by having one of its Senior Scouts selected to be one of the eight representatives from Oswego County to attend the Senior Roundup at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Girl Scout program through its code of ethics has aimed to teach comradeship, self reliance and unselfish service to others. It helps the older girls realize the importance of the preparation for their responsibilities in the home as well as active citizens in the community and the world.

4-H CLUB

Mrs. Luther Hannum

4-H in Oswego County started in the Spring of 1920 as Junior project work. The County Agents have been: Bert Trowbridge (3yrs.), Leon Westfall (7 yrs), Kenneth Miller (20 yrs.), and presently William Cheney (9 yrs.). Homemaking assistants started in 1931 with Althea Aust and at present Barbara Mandigo.

Leon Westfall started the plan of local leaders. He visited the rural schools, and clubs were started in the schools with the teacher as leader. At that time the clubs were a Potato Club, Calf Club, or Clothing Club.

Some items in old 4-H news letters which indicate the beginning of 4-H in the town of Hannibal are:

"August 1924—Luther Hannum and Ed Williamson won first in Oswego County on an Agricultural Demonstration."

"December 1924—Luther Hannum won first place on his potato project."

"During the year 1926 there were Township meetings, held at Hannibal High School. Through these meetings it was possible for the Hannibal Teacher's Training Class to become familiar with the work."

"In 1927 there were 85 members enrolled in 4-H from the Town of Hannibal."

4-H in the town of Hannibal became rather inactive during the late 1940's but became alive again in 1952 with the organizing of two girls clubs, Hannibal Center Bluebirds and Stone School 4-Hers. In 1960 there are 7 clubs and approximately 80 members enrolled in the 4-H program.

(The numbers in the following represent the number of years each child has been in 4-H work).

1952—Hannibal Center Bluebirds, Leader—Marian Hannum, 9 charter members. Present members—Linda Brackett 9, Diane Blake 6, Frances Cooper 3, Sandra Chillson 4, Rosemary DeLoff 9, Ruth Ann Hovey 8, Faye Kimball 9, Ruth Ann Leach 9, Beth Sidman 1.

1952—Stone School 4-Hers, Leaders—Belle Wiltzie and Janet Hallows (assistant). Present leader—Elizabeth Shutts, 7 charter members. Present members—Gloria 9, Judy 7, Cindy 5, and Linda Shutts 2; Kay Howell 6, Janet Fowler 4, Deborah Hastings 1, Anne Marie Hall 2,

Deanna Colvin 1, Nancy Holsapple 1, Jeri Malone 1, Linda Norwell 1, Barbara Wiltsie 9, Bonnie Woodworth 6, Linda Simmons 1.

1954—Chickery Chicks, Leaders—Pauline Wade, Florence Harter (asst.), 5 charter members. Present members—Donna 6, and Dawn Harter 4; Elaine Dibble 6, Sharon Wade 6, Lillian 4, and Ann Warner 1; Kay Dixon 5, Barbara Rall 5, Karen Pesch 2, Linda Summerville 1, Cindy Hovey 1.

1955—Black Cats, Leaders—Edgar Abbott Jr. (2 yrs.), LeRoy Wade, John Crego, Jr., (leader 3 yrs.). Present members—Robert 5, Paul 5, and Terry Wade 2; Alan 2, and Ronnie Woodruff 1; David Dixon 2, Jimmy Tompkins 2; Francis 2, Fred 2 and Jerald Hartman 2; Ronnie Ingison 5, James Bullock 1, Bob Crissman 1; Sam 1, Stanley 1, and Stephen Cianfarano 1.

1956—Cains Corners' Rascals. Leaders — Leona Scott, Marjorie Wilde (asst. 2 yrs.) 16 charter members. Present members—Faye 4, and Jackie Scott 3; Barbara 3, and Judy Richardson 3; Charlotte 4, and Sharon Leonard 4; Pamela Blanchard 1; Peggy 1, and Janet Daniels 1; Shirley Crawford 1, Patricia Quinney 1.

1957—Early Birds, Leaders—Marian Hannum, Faye Hannum (asst. 1 yr.) 5 charter members. Present members—Kathy Adamy 3, Barbara Blake 3, Joy Brackett 3, Barbara Cooper 2, Carol Deming 1, Sandra Denison 3, Gail Gifford 1, Deborah 2, and Teresa Goodale 2; Fern Hannum 3, Patsy Malone 2, Zoe Prugh 3, Diane Sidman 1, Donna Swick 1.

1959—Lads and Lassies, Leader—Gloria Darnell. Present members—Louise 2, Michael 2 and Paul Darnell 1; June 1, and Joyce Shatell 2; Barbara Graham 2.

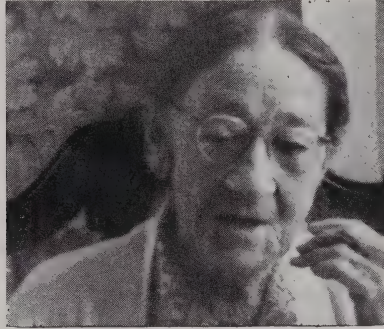
INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY

FRANCES BRANCH

By Elsa Milam

International Sunshine Society is a philanthropic organization founded in 1896 by Cynthia Westover Alden to bring sunshine into the hearts and lives of less favored persons. It is not a charity society, because charity means helping the poor only; it is philanthropic because the rich often need kindness and friendship. We try to give help as needed. We help first, and investigate afterwards. We give immediate relief to anyone in any kind of trouble regardless of race, color or creed.

Charter No. 217 was granted to the Frances Branch in 1915. Records of early meetings were lost in the fire that destroyed the J. Q. Farnham home. Ladies of the North Hannibal Missionary Society had heard of the I.S.S. and were interested in its work and aims. Hostess for the first meeting was Mrs. E. A. Newman. Miss Matie Newman was elected first president of the Branch, which was called Frances in honor of Frances Cox, who was responsible for much of its success.



MRS. MARY WILSON

The last living charter member is Mrs. Mary Wilson, 97 years young, who has ever been one to spread cheer and good humor and attends whenever possible. Mrs. Gordon Sturge of Hannibal is her granddaughter.

Some of the early members were Jennie Keeney, Maud Keeney, Ora Pettigrue, Eva Farnham, Rose Farnham, who was president for many years, Martha Eckard who followed her, Ida Shutts, Tryphene Barlow, Mary Farnham, Ethel Lathrop, Ann Day, Marion Wells, Jennie Stark, Nellie McCarthy, Mary Hall, Nora Braga, Jessie Pearce, Rose Blakeslee, Jennie Hullett, Etta Wilson, who have passed on, Edith Cooper, Edith Wiltse, Jennie Adsitt, Elta Marlett Scott, who are still working with many others whole-heartedly in the sunshine work.

The present officers are Mary Nagel, President; Elsa Milan, 1st Vice President; Carrie Beckwith, Secretary and Treasurer; Beatrice DuGay, Sick Committee.

In the early days, as at present, much was done for the needy and shut-ins to bring sunshine into the lives of the unfortunate.

A bedside table has been loaned many times and we are at present negotiating for a wheel chair for anyone who might need it. We send cards and gifts to the sick during the year and at Christmas each shut-in is remembered.

International Sunshine Society has 240 branches in U. S. and many in foreign lands, all striving to live by our founder's slogan—"Do something for somebody quick. Do the thing that is needed when it is needed, whether it be a little or a big task, as best you can."

The S. S. Manual used at meetings contains many inspiring readings, and our motto is a mighty good guide for daily living.

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on!

'Twas not given for you alone. Pass it on!

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in Heaven the deed appears

Pass it on!

HANNIBAL W.C.T.U.

By Emily Cox and Louise Beckwith

The Hannibal Women's Christian Temperance Union was organized in August 1877, with the following charter members: Mary Matteson, Cornelia Matteson, Mrs. Richard VanAuken, Mrs. N. Hine, Mrs. N. B. Brower, Mrs. Althouse, Mrs. M. A. Brewster, Mrs. William R. Cox, Amy Brewster and Mrs. Ada VanAuken. Mrs. Richard VanAuken was the first president.

Their constitution stated that their object should be "to plan and carry forward measures which will result with God's blessing in the suppression of intemperance in our midst."

Temperance instruction in the schools was begun early in the history of the organization for in the minutes of the meeting on March 11, 1880, it was voted to purchase a copy of Dr. Richardson's Temperance Lessons and place it before the school board which was later done.

Today we are still carrying out this idea in the schools in the study of Health and Science. With the help of the art teacher in the junior and senior high school the children are encouraged to make posters showing the evils of alcohol and narcotics. This year we have five good posters which we are exhibiting in the store windows during the Centennial.

Our W.C.T.U. sponsors a Loyal Temperance Legion which is composed of children from six to twelve years of age. Alberta Shaw, the leader of this group two years ago, had a class of fourteen members and Allie Combs is the leader this year.

The White Ribbon Recruits is a group of younger children whose mothers agree to train them in the temperance cause. The Union sponsors the attendance of an L.T.L. child in camp at Demster, in which handcraft, temperance and the Bible are taught.

In Week Day Bible School between four and five hundred school children saw a film strip, "He Ran a Race," which was shown to grades one through four, and "The Choice is Yours," a sound movie, to grades five through twelve; these films portrayed the effects of beverage alcohol and were sponsored by the W.C.T.U.

We rejoice that Governor Rockefeller's sponsored bill to test for not only the drunken but the "*had been drinking*" driver and providing for stiff penalties for such, has passed our legislature. In many instances fines as high as one hundred dollars and a jail sentence have been placed on these offenders.

For many years Miss Fannie Rhoades was our local Union president and served as the president of Oswego County. Another member of our Union, Mrs. Amy Rice, served as the county president for four years.

Mrs. Iva Marsh is the present president with Mrs. Zilpha Powers acting as vice president. Mrs. Deane Whitford is the vice president of Oswego County.

At present the Hannibal Union is composed of the following members, most of whom are active: Virginia Adamy, Nellie Brown, Blanche Darling, Flora Durbin, Evelyn Eamer, Tressa Gleason, Nan Gardner, Grace Hawkins, Lucille Kranze, Elenora Hoyt Muriel Manning, Addie McFarland, Zilpha Powers, Eva Palmer, Esther Place, Ruth Richardson, Nellie Scott, Martha Stock, Mabel Umbeck, Deane Whitford, Esther Wiltse, Louise Beckwith, Mae Norton, Ethel Youngs, Luella Hendricks, Iva Marsh, Ethol Scriptor, Ella Lounsberry, Betty Brown, Edith Benedict, Lillian McBride, Emily Cox, Georgia Simmons, Carrie Beckwith, Virginia Davenport, Edith Lowrie, Allie Combs, Eva Aldrich, Lena Adamy, Lula Horth, Ethel Adamy, Mina Witcher, Kate Plantz, Pearl Ferguson, Madge Cooper, and Jennie Brackett.

THE HANNIBAL HOME DEMONSTRATION UNIT

Mrs. Harry Cummins

A meeting of the ladies of Hannibal was held in the Prayer Room of the M. E. Church February 6, 1919 for the purpose of organizing a Home Bureau Club. It was given the name of Community Improvement Club with 43 charter members as follows: Miss Alden, Mrs. F. E. Babcock, Mrs. Winfred Beckwith, Mrs. Fred Brackett, Mrs. John Crego, Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain, Mrs. Thomas Eckard, Mrs. Luella Fairley, Miss Julia Hill, Mrs. Fred Lockwood, Mrs. B. M. Lonis, Mrs. E. J. Lonis, Miss Sylvia Manning, Mrs. W. W. Manning, Mrs. M. J. Marsh, Mrs. Harvey Matson, Mrs. John McFarland, Mrs. Fred McMillen, Mrs. Harry Merriman (Nellie), Mrs. Fred Palmer, Mrs. Harvey Perkins, Mrs. Charles Pratt, Mrs. E. W. Rice, Mrs. Schelling, Mrs. Raymond Shutts, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. J. S. Stevenson, Mrs. John Tilford, Mrs. C. E. Tucker, Mrs. E. B. Tucker, Mrs. Winifred Welling, Mrs. Harvey Wheeler, Mrs. John Wilde, Mrs. George Wilde, Mrs. Floyd Wiltse, Mrs. Fred Woodworth, Mrs. George Hulett, Mrs. George Crofoot, Mrs. Oscar Adamy, Mrs. Wm. Chillson, Jr., Mrs. Frank Scott, Mrs. Wm. Kent, Mrs. Edgar Gardenier. The first officers were: Mrs. Charles Pratt, President; Mrs. Ida Tilford, Vice-President; Mrs. M. J. Marsh, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Nellie Merriman, Press Correspondent. The motto the first year was "Success Depends Upon Loyalty and Cooperation." The purpose of the club was to study Civics and Nursing. Their aim was to improve the village and they were instrumental in making the park in the village square which was completed in 1928.

During the years since the club was organized it has accomplished many good deeds. Early in its organization a large pressure canner was purchased to be loaned to all members. Later they bought hospital equipment consisting of a bed, two mattresses, bedside table to be loaned or rented for a small fee. They bought and painted trash cans and placed them around the village. They also bought 150 feet of fire hose. A wheel chair is also owned by the club which is in almost constant use. When the cemetery was improved the club bought urns which were placed at the front entrances. They were painted and filled each year. For many years the club has contributed toward scholarships, and a \$5 English Award is

given each year to the graduate who has the highest English average. During the war years cigarettes and candy were sent to servicemen. In 1944, 126 boxes of P. C. K. chocolates were sent.

For several years the club sponsored a New Year's dinner for the public which was held at the High School. A great many attended and enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment with speakers and music.

The Community Club and Home Bureau have been combined over a period of years until today it is known as the Hannibal Home Demonstration Unit. Our purpose at this time is studying projects from Cornell. Our present membership is 30. Officers for 1960-61 are: Chairman, Mrs. George McMillen; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Eugene Woodworth; Secretary, Mrs. Harry Cummins, and Treas., Mrs. Donald Davenport.

50-50 UNIT

Mrs. Leland Risley, Mrs. Harold Wilde, Mrs. Riley Scott

A home demonstration unit was organized Feb. 7, 1957 at the home of Mrs. Harold Wilde; assisting were Miss Carol Connally and Mrs. John Palesch.

The name 50-50 was selected because the unit is composed of women from Hannibal and Martville.

Officers: Mrs. John Morrell, chairman; Mrs. Harold Wilde, vice chairman; Mrs. Leland Risley, secretary; Mrs. Lloyd Burns, treasurer; Mrs. Melvin Blanchard, telephone chairman.

Charter members: Mrs. John Morrell, Mrs. Harold Wilde, Mrs. Leland Risley, Mrs. Lloyd Burns, Mrs. Alton Wilde, Mrs. Harry Snider, Mrs. Riley Scott, Mrs. William Darby, Mrs. Harry Powers, Jr.

Achievements: fabric gloves, picture frames, pocket books, cake decorating, huck weaving, and foreign cookery.

Unit awards: booths at Sandy Creek Fair, most original float 1957, firemen's field days.

Mrs. Marion Teachout joined 1957.

Officers 1960: Mrs. John DiBello, chairman; Mrs. Alton Wilde, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Harry Powers, Jr., secretary; Mrs. William Darby, treasurer.

CAINS CORNERS FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Mrs. Robert Scott

The Friendship Circle first met at Cain's Corners School, January 14th, 1948.

Charter members: Mrs. Fred Austin, Mrs. John Crego, Mrs. Delos Dunsmore, Mrs. Lawrence Godfrey, Mrs. Edwin Hawkins, Mrs. Wesley Hawkins, Mrs. William Prior, Mrs. Gilman Rowe, Mrs. Fred Scott, Mrs. Riley Scott and Mrs. Robert Scott. Parties were held to raise money for Red Cross, Polio and Cancer Fund. Now money is raised through fancy work, food sales and dues to cover Circle donations and expenses.

Monthly meetings are held with picnic in July. At annual Christmas party, secret pal gifts are exchanged. Several boxes are packed for Senior Citizens and are also sent during the year to neighborhood shut-ins.

One charter member. Mrs. Della Hawkins, died. Some dropped out. New members joined. Present members are: Mrs. Delos Dunsmore, Mrs. Lloyd Burns, Mrs. William Darby, President, Mrs. Edwin Hawkins, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene Horn, Mrs. Robert Matson, Mrs. Fred Scott, Vice President, Mrs. Riley Scott, Mrs. Robert Scott. Honorary members are Mrs. Myrtle Douglas, Mrs. William Northrup.

CORNELL READING CLUB

Nellie Gove

On June 21, 1916, eleven ladies met at Cains Corners school house to form the first club. Charter members were: Nellie Merriman, Mabel Scott, Louisa Wilde, Carrie Wilde, Martha Eckard, Mable Eckard, Libbie Godfrey, Belle Lund, Eleanor Chase, Nellie Smith, Sarah Wilde. Ladies past 70 joined as Honorary Members. Meetings to be held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2 p. m. Officers elected were: President, Mabel Scott; Vice President, Carrie Wilde; Corresponding Secretary, Martha Eckard; Home Secretary, Nellie Merriman; Treasurer, Libbie Godfrey; Organist, Nellie Smith.

First meeting held June 28 at Mabel Scott's. Opening with a song followed by Bible Reading, Lord's Prayer, Roll Call, Study, Local News, Entertainment, Closing with song. Refreshments served by two members.

Present officers—President, Inez Hennessey; Vice President, Barbara Jones; Secretary, Marjorie Wilde; Corresponding Secretary, Mae Merriman; Treasurer, Margaret Eno; Organist, Leona Scott. Honorary Members — Carrie Lounsbury, Carrie Crofoot, Carrie Horton, Louisa Wilde.

Thru the years over 100 ladies have joined. The meetings still follow same program.

STONE SCHOOL HOUSE CLUB

Marjorie Carter

The Stone School House Club, originally called the Cornell Reading Club, was formed in February 1911, at Lina Kennedy Durants with her as the first president.

The club was started as a result of the following circumstances — Mrs. Charles Shutts was in the habit of walking home after teaching school all day in the Wilder District. Some of the neighbors began to expect her at certain times and they would have a little visit. She and Lina Kennedy got to discussing gatherings other neighborhoods had formed, and wondered if the ladies in the Stone School House District might be interested in forming a club.

They finally planned a meeting to be held at Durants'. Besides Mattie Shutts and Lina, some of the first members were Mrs. Frank Hill, Mrs. Charles Petrie, Mrs. Clarence Cummins and Mrs. Fred Welling.

At that time they studied bulletins on various topics sent to them from Cornell. Besides the study period, there was always something planned for the good of the order.

After all these years the club has continued to hold meetings each month in members homes. We now have 25 members. We have interesting programs on timely topics and enjoy a social time together.

CORNELL CLUB OF DISTRICT NO. 12

Mrs. William Smith and Mrs. Herman Plummer

A group of ladies met at the home of Mrs. Harvey Wheeler, now occupied by Ernest Adamy and family, in March 1917 to organize a neighborhood club. Its purpose was to bring about more neighborly relationships and better cooperation among its members. It was named the Cornell Reading Club of District No. 12 because bulletins from Cornell were studied. It was under the leadership of Mrs. Etta Smith and Mrs. Martha Eckard.

Charter members were Etta Smith, Martha Eckard, Marion Welling, Belle Wheeler, Nellie Gifford, Della Wilson Cooper, Floy Kellogg, Catherine Kellogg, Estelle Cooper, Charlotte Eldridge, Libbie Pratt and Belle Cole.

The following by-laws were adopted: (1) That it be known as Cornell Reading Club, Dist. No. 12; (2) Date, 2nd Thurs. in month; (3) That there be Pres., Vice-Pres., R. Sec'y., Cor. Sec'y., Treas. and Organist elected annually; (4) Dues be 15c annually (later raised to 25c); (5) Each member entertain once a year. Refreshments be limited to three things; (6) Each member provide a tray; (7) Paper napkins be used; (8) Each member participate when placed on the program unless satisfactory reason given; (9) Meetings be called at 3 o'clock.

The programs consisted of songs, devotions, local news, business meeting and study from Cornell bulletins. Book Clubs were formed; many quilts were pieced, tied and given to needy families. Sunshine baskets were given to sick members; Christmas boxes were packed and given to aged and needy. Picnics were held in August and socials in February.

In June 1938 the club served coffee and punch at the Centennial of the White School, Dist. No. 12, later annexed to Hannibal Central School.

Present officers are: Pres., Joanne Williams; Vice-Pres., Esther Cummins; sec'y, Laura Plummer; Treas., Ella Perkins.

Only two charter members are living, Mrs. Etta Smith and Mrs. Della Wilson Cooper. There are four generations of the Smith family who attend the meetings at present. The fifth generation of the Kellogg family now attend with their mother, Mrs. Joyce Ferlito.



DISTRICT NO. 12 CORNELL CLUB PICNIC, AUGUST 1917, AT MRS. LIBBIE PRATT'S. HOW MANY CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

Mrs. Hoyt (visitor), Mrs. Ada Adamy, Mrs. Addie Welling, Mrs. Catherine Kellogg, Mrs. Floy Kellogg holding Lawrence Kellogg, Mrs. Nellie Gifford, Mrs. Marion Welling holding Nan Welling, Mrs. Della Wilson (Cooper), Howard Kellogg, Lula Adamy (Horth), Bertha Smith (Gilchrist), Mrs. Estelle Cooper, Mrs. Belle Cole, Mrs. Ruth Ames Cole, Mrs. Charlotte Eldridge, Mrs. Belle Wheeler, Mrs. Etta Reed, Mrs. Libbie Pratt, Raymond Kellogg, Nellie Kellogg (Scott), Rita Corpron (Doud), Mary Adamy (Kirkland) holding Jennie Cole (Kalamarides), Leon Wheeler holding Clifford Kellogg, Laura Wheeler (Plummer), Esther Smith (Cummins), Ella Wheeler (Perkins), Mabel Kellogg (Upcraft), Mrs. Etta Smith and Mrs. Flora Hotaling hidden from view in back row.

HANNIBAL VICINITY FLORIDA CLUB

Esther Place — Carrie Beckwith

All roads lead from Hannibal and vicinity to the hospitable home of the Browns' at 2831 2nd Ave. South, St. Petersburg, Florida, who were the instigators and founders of the Hannibal Florida Club. Mr. Brown was a former resident and Mrs. Brown taught in the Hannibal School in 1908-1909. In 1920 they moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where Mr. Brown engaged in the contractor business.

The first meeting of the club was held at the municipal pier January 22, 1949. Floyd Brown elected Pres., Carrie Beckwith, Sec., and Lena Adamy, Treas. Charter members were Floyd Brown and Nellie Brown, Manly and Grace Brackett, Charles and Frankie Upcraft, Albert and Izora VanPatten, Winfred and Carrie Beckwith, Ward and Lena Adamy, Wilfred and Ethel Adamy, Benjamin and Ida Thorner, Donald and Tressa Gleason, Grace Beckwith, Jessie Parish and Grace Arnold.

The first meeting in the north was held the following summer, 1950, at the cottage of Leon and LaVerne Longley at Fair Haven and the anniversaries of Charles and Frankie Upcraft and Melzar and Edna VanAuken were celebrated. Now meetings are held at various places. Meetings are held every two weeks during the winter months and as often as possible during the summer. The programs at these meetings are varied with the different talent present.

As a memorial to the deceased members, money for flowers is donated to cancer and heart funds.

Floyd Brown passed away Sept. 1953. Since then the club has lost many of its loyal members.

Nellie Brown was elected Honorary President of the club in 1958.

The club voted to place green benches on the Hannibal Square for everyone to enjoy. Ward Adamy built them and Raymond Scott helped in the painting and decorating.

The club has increased greatly in number as many from the north have their winter homes in Florida. Each winter finds many tourists wending their way to the sunny southland and all are welcome to the Hannibal Vicinity Florida Club. The newly elected officers for 1960 are Raymond Place, Pres., Ward Adamy, 1st Vice Pres., Lena Adamy, Sec., and Nellie Brown, Treas.

The Club song (Home in St. Pete) parody on Home on the Range, which is printed below, was sung at these meetings and enjoyed by all.

"Home In St. Pete"

O give me a seat, way down in St. Pete,
Where the aged and crippled may meet,

Where no one is told "You're getting too old"
And the benches are crowded all day.

Chorus:

Home, home in St. Pete
Where the northerners and southerners meet
Away from the cold, in the sunshine of gold
And nature is always a treat.
And if you would wed, either lead or be led,
O come to the city fair;
You needn't feel shame, the dodderin' or lame
A mate will be easy to snare.
So do not delay, but haste thee today,
To this town by the side of the bay,
And whittle and knit, and laugh till you split
Watching grandma and grandpa at play.

MUTUAL HELP CLUB OF WILTSEVILLE

Blanche L. Darling

The Mutual Help Club had its origin in an anniversary party in Oct. 1900, given by Lila Eaton. The company enjoyed themselves so much that they decided to hold monthly meetings thereafter and they were invited to the Hallows home for the next month.

Some of the charter members were: Sophia Tallman, who named our club, Minnie Kent, Rose Prosser, Addie Hallows, Mercena Wiltse, Charlotte Kip, Myrtle Darling, Carrie Hall (Nelson), Carrie Calvert, Florence Wiltse, and Luella Fairley.

Edith Wiltse has a snapshot of the club taken at her home in 1901 and today she is the only living member left in the group.

The club's main objective was social for these were the horse and buggy days and farm women spent most of their time at home doing their work without the aid of electricity, baker's bread, or packaged mixes. However, in 1903 they did receive a Cornell extension service charter and Cornell bulletins were utilized for many years for program material. Miss Rose of the college once attended one of their meetings.

At first the hostess, and later as more were invited, the hostesses, furnished the entire meal and the meeting date was irregular. Later a regular date, the third Thursday in the month, was adopted and members drew months in which to entertain but it was still later before the present covered dish meal was inaugurated.

In the winter they often had a few evening winter picnics at the homes with the whole family invited and in summer two picnics, one at the schoolhouse with chicken pie and ice cream furnished, the other at the lake.

At times regular contributions of baked goods have been sent to sick families, sunshine boxes to sick members, canned fruit showers to those whose own canned goods met with misfortune and also once to the Oswego Hospital, contributions of money and work to the Red Cross during war times, and cancer dressings made.

At present the meetings are sometimes not well attended but for many years they did meet a real need of the community. Today the arrival of the school bus complicates attendance.

During the years many have left our ranks because of death, illness, or change of address. Here are a few of them: Ida Tilford, Hattie McMillen, Carrie Hall (Wm.), Cora Hall, Bettie Lonis, Gertrude Lonis, Jean Loomis, Lida Wiltse, Catherine Andrews, Lizzie Maroney, Sarah Deming, Clara Wiltse, Allie Calvert, Florence McMillen, Agnes Andrews, Sabra Manning, Mattie Shutts, Lu Kent, Iva Unger, Addie Dominy, Carrie Hart, Jennie Prosser, Jennie Brackett, Ruth Darling, Jane Darling and the Gleasons.

Today's roll call includes the following: Catherine Andrus, Dorys Cook, Emily Cox; the Darlings, Rachel, Juanita, Evelyn and Blanche; the Halls, Anita, Mary Ann, Arcelia, Esther, Helen, Juanita, Letty, Mrs. Claude, and Mrs. Roy; Marian Hannum, Mary McGlen; the McMillens, Elise, Doris Y., Doris G., and Carol; Bernice Nihoff, Helen Shutts, and Edith Wiltse.

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Firemen	Thomas Prugh
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Village Clerk	Mrs. Ray Perkins
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Concessions	Sam Cianfarano
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	McBride, Mrs. Ellen Wheeler

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—ATTRACTIONS—

Thursday Evening, August 18

No. 1. Mile long parade . . . starts forming about 6:30 o'clock at Hannibal Central School Grounds

No. 2. Coronation of the Queen in Memorial Park at 8:30

No. 3. Band concert . . . Hannibal Central School Band

Friday Evening, August 19

Schnickelfritz Band (German music at its best)

Saturday P. M.

No. 1 Championship Ball Game (Bantam League Players), 2 P. M.

No. 2. Time capsule ceremony in village park . . . 4:30

No. 3. Bar-B-Q (Bob Scott, State Champion) starts at 5:30

No. 4. Music — Chuck Shortslef & His Gang

No. 5. Awarding of poster prizes

No. 6. Grand display of fireworks

Concessions open every day and evening (in charge of Sam Cianfarano)

FERRIS WHEEL — KIDDY RIDES — PONY RIDES

—SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT—

Church services in both Community and Methodist churches will be held at 10:30. On August 14, the anniversary of the building of the present House of Worship will be observed in a combined service in the Community Church. On August 21, the origin of the Methodist church will be observed in a combined service to be held at the Methodist Church with the Reverend Paul E. Merritt, speaker.

Our Lady of the Rosary Church services will be held at 8:30 and 11:00 A. M.

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